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# Merry Christmas

## REA ROLL CALL

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### REA BOND BUYING REACHES 95% OF QUOTA

#### \*\*\*\*\* TIME LIMIT FOR VETERANS APPLYING FOR OLD JOB UPPED FROM 40 TO 90 DAYS

Congress passed an amendment to the Selective Service Act last week that raised the time limit for a returning veteran to ask for his old job back from 40 days to 90 days.

#### \*\*\*\*\* LEVINSON BUILDS HOME-MADE PHONOGRAPH COMBINATION; NEEDS RECORDS

Lt. (jg) Nat Levinson has put together a radio combination out of spare parts at his Aleutian Island outpost, he writes to friends in Technical Standards, his former bailiwick.

"It plays, too," he adds with a small amount of pardonable pride. "Now all I need are some records. I'd like some Beethoven, Schubert's Unfinished, Mendelssohn Violin Concerto, or anything by Handel, Haydn, Mozart, or Gilbert and Sullivan."

In the same letter Lt. Levinson takes issue with the Roll Call for printing in its October 9th issue an item in which Sgt. Arthur Frank claimed to be closer to Japan than any other REAer. Lt. Levinson, stationed in the Aleutians, claims this distinction for himself.

A study of Rand McNally's World Atlas shows that Saipan is closer to Japan proper than the southernmost Aleutian. The latter island, however, is closer to the northernmost island of the Jap-controlled Kurile Islands than Saipan is to Japan. But Saipan is closer to the Volcano Islands, and so on. We have no way of ascertaining which island Lt. Levinson now occupies so for the present Sgt. Frank's claim

The 768 staff members of REA, the Associate Solicitor's Office and the USDA Library Sub-branch have rolled up a total of \$30,013.25 in the Sixth War Loan Drive, or 95% of their quota, according to figures released December first by Joseph F. Marion, chairman of the bond-selling campaign in REA.

In addition to the extra bonds being purchased, \$37,827 worth of bonds will be bought during November and December through the Pay-roll Deduction Plan.

Leading the divisional race in REA is Personnel which has subscribed its quota to the tune of 158%. Co-op Operations follows closely with 150%. Complete tabulations follow:

DIVISION	QUOTA	SALES & PLEDGES	PCT OF QUOTA
Admin. Ofc.	\$840	\$1162.50	138
A&L	5040	5218.75	104
Co-op Op.	4200	6387.50	150
D & C	5320	3525.00	66
Finance	7280	6950.00	95
Info.	1120	488.50	44
Mgt.	2240	2118.75	95
Personnel	840	1331.75	158
Tech. St.	1120	393.75	35
Ofc. of Sol.	3750	2437.25	65
TOTALS	\$31,750	\$30,013.25	95

An ingenious map-poster is now on display on all floors, showing the progress of each division toward its goal by means of corresponding Army and Navy insignia. Five divisions head toward Tokyo and five for Berlin, advancement being determined by the amount of bonds bought.

#### \*\*\*\*\* IMPRESSIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES

by Lt. David Sækegaard

I feel a bit more like a soldier now. I wear my tin hat (sitting on it right now) and I've a fine foxhole just off the head of my cot which I use regularly. Recently, while in it, I saw a Jap plane (continued on p. 2)

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must stand unaltered. We hope they settle the argument by arriving in Tokyo at the same time.



## IMPRESSIONS OF THE PHILIPPINES (continued)

get into the searchlights. A torrent of sparks from everywhere streamed up and the plane came down. Apparently the Japs resent our being in the Philippines. But it's a nice place, definitely better than New Guinea, and the civilians are glad to see us. They are good-looking, intelligent people who sure have had a tough time. Most of their houses have been destroyed and they're crowded into makeshift homes. They're desperately short of everything, especially clothes. However, they do their best to look neat and their clothes, even if made of burlap, are always clean. They are a very clean people and I'm much attracted to them. They raise corn and rice and water buffalo who work in the rice paddies, and they even have a few chickens. They always have lots of cute little brown children running around, laughing and playing. Today I met the mayor of our local village, a fine intelligent man who is anxious to help the people to live decently again.

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## COLUMN WRITE

Dorothy Jane Stewartson (formerly Dorothy Heizer of Personnel) writes that hubby Arthur L. is now on Leyte..... "Write the Roll Call about your promotion" is what Lt. Dick Allen says he read in this paper. "Well," he adds, "I didn't think you had anything to do with it but where IS my promotion?" Tsk, tsk! ..... Lt. George Mowry is in charge of Aircraft Maintenance at the Salinas (Calif) AAB. He says the rainy season is just beginning there. He probably means the misty season..... Milt Thurber is doing accounting and auditing work in the office of the Supervisory Cost Inspector, Seattle..... Lt. Ed Kipp sends greetings to all REA oldtimers. The Roll Call address-hounds finally caught up with Ed after he had complained of a 2-month mail lag..... Jack O'Shaughnessy's boy, Cpl. Charles J., sent some rare Jap souvenirs to his dad. A watch, some snapshots of Jap fliers and girls and many other Nip mementoes..... Clark Phillippi writes for Rural Electrification News from Clearfield, Utah. (Note: Others can get their names on the list simply by writing the Roll Call)....

## GOING UP

Major Jack McKenzie	Slt. Milton Thurber
Cpl. Elmer Eriksson	Lt. John Spielman
Sgt. Stanley Vest	Pfc. Marvin Bates
Capt. Bernard Shebest	CY Lawrence Ragan
Major Ken Poarch	Ens. A.L. Stewartson
T/3 Howard Paine	Pfc. Sam Saltman

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Sgt. Clem Hawkins writes from Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla., where "the nights are cold, despite the Chamber of Commerce"... Larry Ragan sent us an Xmas card from the Middle East.... Jack McKenzie dropped in at REA Dec. 1st.... Lt. (jg) Will Lewis is another REAer in the Philippines.... Major Don Basler has picked up a French-made radio and manages to get American football games via short wave. He also gets good music from French, English and German stations. Wonders how Germany could have produced so much good music and so much chaos.... A good crew of men are working under Hamilton Treadway, he writes from an advanced Pacific base. He spends much of his time educating them in electrical theory..... By now, Stan Vest and crony have seen London..... Welcome back to Dan Hammond. He's acting supervisor of Mgt.'s Duplicating Section and doing a good job, from all reports. Dan's previous address was APO 913, Frisco.

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## QUOTES FROM OUR V-MAIL

"I was a Medic when I arrived in England over a month ago but I was a Quartermaster when I left for France. Shouldn't be surprised if the Army gave me some legal work to do." -- Pvt. Louis A. Roland.

"I like my Army job fine -- Navigator on a B-24 -- but I'm looking forward to civilian clothes and REA." -- F.O. Leslie J. Gruner.

"The Germans must have left France in a big hurry because they left a lot of stuff behind. The souvenir-hunters are in their glory.... France is just like the states, except for the language. However, the Yanks do OK wherever they are. They'll probably have the natives talking American soon." -- Cpl. Elmer L. Eriksson.

"Planes have been going over headed for Germany all day, and it's reassuring to know they're on our side." -- Pvt. Harmon A. Carpenter  
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